Oswald's literature distribution - Professor Leonard Reissman 12/13/68

Last night I phoned the Reissman home, 2600 Calhoun, 866-0865. He was out of town and is expected to return Saturday morning.

His wife at first did not recall the incident of the Oswald literature, then recalled the FBI interview. It turns out that this happened when the Reissman's were out of town. He had a sabbatical year and spent it at Stanford University, in California. I recall now the FBI intervoew with him there.

The misuse of Reissman was part of the deliberate and false attempt to pin a red label on Oswald. With Reissman out of town, the inappropriateness of that whole bit is apparent. I have an earlier memo showing this address is at least as close to Kent Courtney's.

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Phoned him p.m. 11/14/65 after speaking to his wife several days earlier. She had told me they were in Stamford, Conn. in 8/63, on a year's sabbatical leave. I told him I was nearby & would like to speak to him for a few moments. He declined, saying he was intent to leave the matter where it is. He said he was satisfied with what the Warren Commission did. That what they printed in the 26 volumes (12 to him) was acceptable. I asked him if he was concerned at all about having been used as part of a scheme of an unknown man, about having been used to pin a false political label on him as part of the rewriting of history. He was not concerned. He said that perhaps he might change his mind in the future. I raised the question of increasing authoritarianism in the land as a consequence of this & he repeated he might change his mind in the future. When I asked him to what point he had no answer. He acknowledged knowing that Robert Courtney lived in that neighborhood when this happened and he was not there.